



## Jon Michael Merrill

August 3, 1956 - February 23, 2015

Jon Michael Merrill, 58, of Ft Lauderdale, Florida, formerly of Newport News, Va passed away Monday, February 23, 2015. Mike retired as a Captain from the Newport News Fire Department. He was preceded in death by his mother, Lucille Cameron Merrill and his brother Thad Cameron Merrill. He is survived by his father, Thad C. Merrill and his sister, Sandra Harvey (Gordon) of Barhamsville; and his sister Dianne Jordan (Ronnie) of Quinton. He also has numerous nieces, nephews and friends. A celebration of Mike's life will be held Saturday, March 14, 2015 at 11:00 am at the Vincent Funeral Home, Providence Forge Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the New Kent County Fire and Rescue, 4315 N Courthouse Rd, Providence Forge, VA 23140.

# Previous Events

## Service

MAR 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

Vincent Funeral Home, Providence Forge Chapel  
9923 Pocahontas Trail  
Providence Forge, VA 23140  
(804) 966-7075

# Tribute Wall



“ *Gallardo Gallardo sent a virtual gift in memory of Jon Michael Merrill*



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**Gallardo Gallardo** - August 05, 2021 at 11:20 AM



“ *Happy birthday love!!! I know it was 2 days ago but I never forget your birthday, I hope you are smiling in the heaven and look after me from about, give me a hug and kiss in my dream sometime.*



*I love you!*

*Jacky*

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**Gallardo Gallardo** - August 05, 2021 at 11:16 AM

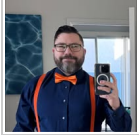
JA

“ *Hi love,  
Today is your one year memorial ! I still miss you so much ! I hope you are having fun in the heaven.  
You are always in my heart !  
Meet you in our next life.  
Jacky*



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**jacky** - February 23, 2016 at 06:02 AM



“ I just learned of your passing, Daddy Mike (after months of travel and not hearing staying in very good contact). You were always such a kind, lovely soul.

*Although we never met in person, your life enhanced mine to the fullest extent, and you helped me through some tough times.*

*I love you, buddy. I always will.*

*-Anton*

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**Anton Preez** - December 25, 2015 at 06:07 PM

JR

“ I just learned of Mike's death after realizing I hadn't heard from him in a while. We met when he still lived in Newport News, VA. He was such a sweet guy.

*I remember making the leap to upgrade to a 14.4K modem and setting up my computer to access the Internet. As I struggled with my install my phone rang. It was Mike. "Let's get you online." he said. I was surfing the Web shortly thereafter.*

*He was smart, sensitive and a caring friend.*

*Rest in peace, you wonderful man, and we will see each other again someday.*

*-Javier-*

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**Javier Reyes** - August 19, 2015 at 01:53 PM

TJ

“ I met Mike while working for NNPD. We worked out of the same Briarfield Station. He was always kind and I will always be thankful for the time he listened when I was going through a tough time. Just a nice man and the world was a better place because of his presence. Theresa Jones

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**Theresa Jones** - July 15, 2015 at 02:35 PM

 Nicole  
Sandler

“ I just learned that my friend Mike died. He was a regular listener to my radio show, and offered his help & support in many ways over the years. I noticed his absence from the chat room a few months ago, and have been searching for news ever since. I came across this site this morning as I was doing yet another Google search for him.



To Mike's family, I'm so sorry for your loss. I knew Mike to be a kind, caring soul. Although I didn't know him well I will definitely miss him. I already do.

Nicole Sandler  
RadioOrNot.com

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**Nicole Sandler** - June 09, 2015 at 11:07 AM

 Gotta  
L. Aff

“ I called him "Mikey." We were "virtual" friends for a long time on Twitter and on Radio Or Not, where he was a regular in our listener Chat Room. We emailed on occasion, too, and I truly adored him.

Much love, Mikey. You are missed dearly.

Love, Laffy

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**Gotta L. Aff** - June 09, 2015 at 11:06 AM

CD

“ *RIP Daddy Mike*

*You will be miss from the weekly phone calls & text messages.. No more suffering bud, you in a better place now.*

*I will never forget the first time we met.*

*I will never forget what you always told me keep moving up that GS ladder.*

*Going to miss you,*

*Chris & Chris*

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**Chris Daniels** - March 19, 2015 at 09:37 PM

CH

*Thanks for the letting us used the spare bedroom, going to miss that Banana Pudding!*

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**Chris** - March 19, 2015 at 09:46 PM

FD

“ *Much to young to leave us Mike. May you rest in peace.*

*Affectionately known as "Mother Mike" by his NNFD brothers and sisters.*

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**Frank Draper** - March 12, 2015 at 11:46 AM

FD

*Should read Mother Merrill.*

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**Frank Draper** - March 12, 2015 at 06:27 PM

JA

“ *Jacky purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Jon Michael Merrill.*



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**Jacky** - March 11, 2015 at 11:36 PM

JA

“ *Hi my love ,*

*I still remember 10 years ago our first met at the hospital !!  
I will never forgot the wonderful moment we spent together and with friends !!  
it is sadness to see you go but as you always said to me " I want you to be happy " I will always remember that and always do ! also you are now in no pain and don't have to take tons of pills everyday ! I love you and you always living in my heart !  
I am sure we will meet again !  
RIP my love !*

*Jacky Kong*



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**Jacky** - March 11, 2015 at 11:17 PM

JA

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



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**Jacky** - March 11, 2015 at 10:09 PM

TJ

“ *Mike was the last to accept help but the first to offer it. He was kind, generous and possessed a dry wit. He was a gentleman.*

*He has been, is and will be missed. In pain no more, rest in peace Mike.*

*Tom*

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**Tom Jefferds** - March 11, 2015 at 08:48 PM

TR

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



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**Travis** - March 11, 2015 at 02:31 PM



*My heart is filled with sadness. I truly hope he is in a better place. He suffered too much but never complained. He gave me as much comfort as I tried to give him. Mike made me a better, more understanding person. He was the first man to ever bake me a birthday cake. I will never forget the time spent with him and I will always have him in my heart. We lost a genuinely good man. I will never forget Daddy Mike. Love you always, rest in peace.*

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**Rick Pena** - March 11, 2015 at 04:04 PM

FD

*Love this picture of Mike. Thanks for sharing.*

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**Frank Draper** - March 12, 2015 at 12:00 PM

FP

“ *For more than 10 years, you blessed us with your humour, kindness, and loyal friendship. We are saddened to see you go so early.... too early.*

*You are immensely missed Mike but will never be forgotten. Love,  
Always, Fabien & Anthony*

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**Fabien Pampaloni** - March 11, 2015 at 01:20 PM

HA

“ *The Fort Lauderdale gay community lost a wonderful friend and kind soul. Your friends and boys will miss you dearly. RIP Daddy Mike* ❤️

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**hank** - March 11, 2015 at 12:22 PM